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SUBJECT: PATTERSON KIDNAPPING: SITREP NO. 80

1. PRESS COVERAGE OF PATTERSON CASE MODERATELY HEAVY AND GENERALLY FACTUAL REPORTAGE. DEL POZZO QUOTED AS IDENTIFYING SPECTACLE FRAMES FOUND NEAR GRAVESITE AS SOME HE HAD ORDERED FOR JOHN PATTERSON SOME YEARS AGO. MEXICAN PRESS ALSO CARRIES ITEMS DATED PHILADELPHIA QUOTING JOAN P. DEL POZZO AS EXPRESSING SOME DOUBT ON IDENTIFICATION OF REMAINS BECAUSE OF DISCREPANCIES IN INITIALS IN RING. NOTE: AS REPORTED FROM HERMOSILLO, RING WHICH WAS FOUND BEARS DATE OF PATTERSON MARRIAGE, INSCRIPTION "MON DESTIN" AND INITIALS MATCH IN ALL RESPECTS EXCEPT LETTER S IS APPARENTLY BEING READ AS LETTER L.

2. IN SIDE DEVELOPMENT, NAZAR OF DFS HAS ASKED LEGATT TO CONVEY THROUGH CHANNELS HIS REQUEST TO INTERVIEW KEESEE. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS REQUEST IS RELEVANT TO REPORT (SITREP 76) THAT KEESEE DEFENSE COUNSEL WANTS TO SEND "INVESTIGATORS" TO HERMOSILLO. DENIAL OF NAZAR'S REQUEST (WHICH WE CONSIDER LIKELY) WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY RESULT IN GOM HOSTILITY TOWARD DEFENSE COUNSEL'S PROPOSAL.

3. IN PHONE CALL JULY 9, ANDRA AND JOAN DEL POZZO DISCUSSED PLANS FOR COURSE OF ACTION AFTER POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION COMPLETED. FAMILY APPARENTLY IN AGREEMENT
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ON WISH THAT REMAINS BE TRANSPORTED TO PHILADELPHIA FOR

FURTHER EXAMINATION BY DR. ARONSON. THEY WOULD THEN BE TRANSFERRED TO PLACE OF BURIAL WHICH NOT YET DECIDED; FAMILY IS MUCH ATTRACTED TO IDEA OF BURIAL IN DACOR'S FOREIGN SERVICE PORTION OF CEMETERY IN WASHINGTON. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE SOONEST WHEN DECISION MADE.

4. FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPORTED BY HERMOSILLO THIS MORNING. DR. ARONSON ACCOMPANIED CONSUL VILLALOVOS TO VIEW REMAINS YESTERDAY AND SEEMED CERTAIN THEY WERE THOSE OF JOHN PATTERSON. AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE NOTED CURVATURE OF SPINE. SUBSEQUENTLY PHILADELPHIA DENTIST ENTINE TALKED WITH HERMOSILLO DENTIST MORENO WHO ADVISED STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL THIS MORNING THAT FILLINGS SEEMED TO BE THE SAME. CORONOR'S FINDING INDICATES CAUSE OF DEATH WAS PROJECTILE OR BLUNT INSTRUMENT. PHILADELPHIA VISITORS HERMOSILLO SEEM TO BE HOLDING UP WELL AND THEY REPORTEDLY ACCEPT IDENTIFICATION OF REMAINS AS JOHN PATTERSON. DEL POZZO RECOGNIZED RING AND HORN RIM GLASSES WHICH HE SAID HE HAD ORDER FOR JOHN PATTERSON. FAMILY AND DR. ARONSON VISITING GRAVESITE. ARONSON WILL TALK WITH DR. MORENO SUBSEQUENTLY.

5. IT NOW APPEARS POSSIBLE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL ISSUE DOCUMENT TODAY CERTIFYING THAT REMAINS ARE THOSE OF JOHN PATTERSON. CONSULATE IS ANTICIPATING NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION ON ITS PART. CONSUL VILLALOVOS HAS CONTACTED FUNERAL HOME RE PREPARATION REMAINS AND WITH FAMILY WILL SELECT CASKET THIS MORNING.

6. EMBASSY UNCERTAIN AS TO QUESTION WHICH HAS ARISEN RE AIRPORT FACILITIES HERMOSILLO. AIRPORT THERE RECEIVES 727'S, DC-8'S, DC-9'S. WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST ADVICE AS TO WHETHER WE HAVE OPTION OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT GOING TO HERMOSILLO TO TRANSPORT REMAINS AND FAMILY MEMBERS. IF NOT, PLANNING HERE MUST PROVIDE FOR FLYING REMAINS AND FAMILY TO MEXICO CITY COMMERCIALLY WHEN DOCUMENTATION COMPLETE.

7. WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT FINAL DECISION BY FAMILY RE BURIAL SITE NOT MADE. WILL ADVISE SOONEST AS WELL AS CONFIDENTIAL

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